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## PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE NURSING WORLD IN 1914.

The most important events in the nursing world during the past twelve months have, in this country, been the unprecedented majority in the House of Commons for the first reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill, introduced by Dr. Chapple on March 3rd, and the organization of the nursing of sick and wounded soldiers during the war. Each of these closely affects the other, as we shall show in due course. We refer to them at the outset of this brief review, because we wish to emphasise their importance.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The National Council of Trained Nurses has proved that it has kept in close touch with the questions of the day, and is the only association of trained nurses which has taken action in the interests of the profession as a whole.

In April last, in connection with the Women's Kingdom Exhibit at Olympia, the Council organized a practical exhibit of nursing handicraft, in which the affiliated Leagues took a prominent part, and demonstrated the high degree of skill necessary, and attained, by trained nurses in connection with their work.

The National Council Conference and Exhibition, held in Birmingham in June, and organized by the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, will always be memorable for the perfection of its organization. The resolutions of the Conference included:—(1) A resolution, moved by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, directing attention to the grave injury at present caused to Public Health and to Nursing by the absence of a Statutory Register of qualified Nurses, and urging the Government to give facilities for the Second Reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill; (2) A Resolution welcoming the establishment by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of a Nursing Benefit under the National (Health) Insurance Act, and urging that the Regulations should

safeguard the interests of the public by providing that none but fully qualified nurses should be admitted to the National Service; and (3) A Resolution respectfully calling upon the Local Government Board to consider the advisability of forming a Poor Law Nursing Service. The National Council has also taken considerable interest in the question of co-operation for Superintendents of Nursing Homes. The Council also protested against the proposal made to vest the powers for the registration of Nursing Homes in the Borough Councils, as an extension of their powers under the Disorderly Houses Act, a proposal, we are glad to say, not approved by the House of Commons when the London County Council General Powers Bill, not yet passed into law, was before it.

The latest resolution of the Council, passed on December 3rd, urging that sick and wounded soldiers, in military auxiliary hospitals, should not be subjected to the dangerous interference of untrained and unskilled women, is well within the memory of our readers, and upon the initiative of the Secretary of State for War, the Council will present evidence in support of its Resolution at an early date.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

At the beginning of the year Miss Mollett retired from the position of Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council, which she had filled with ability for four years, and was succeeded in that important office by Miss Annie Hulme, who is deservedly popular with the members.

Nursing events have proved how necessary it is, in justice to the profession as a whole, that those occupying prominent positions should do all in their power to safeguard the interests of the rank and file.

### THE LEAGUES OF CERTIFICATED NURSES.

The Leagues of Certificated Nurses are doing useful work by organizing the certificated members of nursing schools, and professional societies, in associations, which are eligible for affiliation with the National Council of Trained

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